

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q90825

Yukako FUKUHIRA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/552,685

Group Art Unit: 1615

Confirmation No.: 3807

Examiner: Caralynne E. Helm

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For: BIODEGRADABLE FILM HAVING HONEYCOMB STRUCTURE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This responds to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement, dated April 22, 2008.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group II, claims 4-12 (drawn to biodegradable film having a honeycomb structure) for examination. This election is made without traverse.

In response to the Election of Species Requirement, Applicant elects polylactic acid for examination, on which claims 4-6 and 8-12 are believed to be readable. This election is made with traverse on the ground that the common technical feature among these species is the coexistence of phospholipids in the honeycomb film.